



Proposed Las Pilitas Quarry
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To Murry Wilson, Environmental Resource Specialist

I have lived in Santa Margarita for 16 years, and love this town, I'm very concerned about the proposed Las Pilitas Quarry which, if it is approved, will destroy the character of our residential community. (I'm sure San Luis would never allow anything like this to happen there.) The double gravel trucks will be continuously rumbling through town, passing the elementary school and the park -- possibly on residential streets, sometimes stopped, idling and spewing exhaust. Although illegal, it's happening even now. I'm concerned about noise, and the air quality from the exhaust fumes, and also the possibility of valley fever spores from blasting. Santa Margarita will become an industrial gravel truck and service corridor.

At the east end of town, just as the trucks turn on to Highway 58 there is a yellow sign that says, "Not advisable for trucks with trailers use." This will negatively affect the road condition of Highway 58, and it will seriously affect the surrounding home and ranch owners on Highway 58, Parkhill Road, Pozo Road and Las Pilitas Road, causing traffic problems and many environmental concerns due to blasting and water usage. A current proposal by Las Pilitas Resources LLC seeks to permit a large scale industrial hard rock quarry and an asphalt and concrete crushing facility just east of town on property fronting the Salinas River. The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) is currently available for public review and comment with the deadline for comments being June 5. This proposal sets the stage for Santa Margarita to define the things we value. If YOU lived here, how would you feel about it? I doubt that we NEED a THIRD quarry, and I cannot see from the information I have read that it will significantly provide many jobs either.

I'm hoping you will consider the welfare of the residents in and around Santa Margarita,

Sincerely, Sally Speers